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CLAIMS

- A method for compactly storing a word processing document comprising: 1. storing a set of styles associated with said word processing document; storing a set of text information associated with said word processing document; storing a set of linking information that links said set of text information and said set of styles.
- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said set of styles is divided into a first gallery and a second gallery.
- 3. The method of claim 2 wherein said first gallery is a set of paragraph styles.
 - 4. The method of claim 2 wherein said second gallery is a set of text styles.
 - 5. The method of claim 2 further comprising: storing said set of styles in a first record.
- 20 6. The method of claim 2 further comprising: storing said set of text information and said set of linking information in one or more second records.
- 7. The method of claim 2 wherein said step of storing said set of text 25 information comprises:

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storing one or more characters of said set of text information in a multi-byte format.

8. A word processing document compactor comprising:

5 a first storage mechanism configured to store a set of styles associated with a word processing document;

a second storage mechanism configured to store a set of text information associated with said word processing document; and

a third storage mechanism configured to store a set of linking information that links said set of text information and said set of styles.

- 9. The word processing document compactor of claim 8 wherein said set of styles is divided into a first gallery and a second gallery.
- 15 10. The word processing document compactor of claim 9 wherein said first gallery is a set of paragraph styles.
 - 11. The word processing document compactor of claim 9 wherein said second gallery is a set of text styles.

12. The word processing document compactor of claim 9 wherein said first storage mechanism is further configured to store said set of styles in a first record.

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- 13. The word processing document compactor of claim 9 wherein said second storage mechanism and said third storage mechanism are further configured to store said set of text information and said linking information in one or more second records.
- 14. The word processing document compactor of claim 9 wherein said second storage mechanism is further configured to store one or more characters of said set of text information in a multi-byte format.
 - 15. A computer program product comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein configured to compactly store a word processing document, said computer program product comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to store a set of styles associated with said word processing document;

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to store a set of text information associated with said word processing document; and

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to store a set of linking information that links said set of text information and said set of styles.

- 16. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein said set of styles is divided into a first gallery and a second gallery.
 - 17. The computer program product of claim 16 wherein said first gallery is a set of paragraph styles.

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- 18. The computer program product of claim 16 wherein said second gallery is a set of text styles.
- The computer program product of claim 16 wherein said computer
 readable code configured to cause a computer to store said set of styles further comprises:
 computer readable code configured to cause a computer to store said set of styles in a first record.
 - 20. The computer program product of claim 16 wherein said computer readable code configured to cause a computer to compactly store further comprises: computer readable code configured to cause a computer to store said set of text information and said linking information in one or more second records.
 - 21. The computer program product of claim 16 wherein said computer readable code configured to cause a computer to store said text information further comprises:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to store one or more characters of said set of text information in a multi-byte format.